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SUBJECT: DAILY IRAQI WEBSITE MONITORING - September 11, 2005

SUMMARY: Discussion on the Constitution was the major editorial theme of Iraqi, Arabic language websites on September 11, 2005. END SUMMARY.

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[1A.](#) "A Day for Men and A Day for Women"  
(Editorial by Kazum Al-Muqdad - Independent Iraqi News Agency - [www.iraq-ina.com](http://www.iraq-ina.com))

"When the Iraqi government announced, in a statement, the adoption of the odd-even license system in and around Baghdad, the justification presented by our wise leaders was to lessen the suffering of Iraqis who are facing traffic jams, decision jams, and recommendation jams . to the extent that Iraqis have become a government testing ground.

"The problem is that every decision results in the suffering of citizens while officials don't share any of the burden. Citizens have started to question any new decision, even if these decisions have come to serve their interests. I've heard people saying that decisions aimed at solving the fuel crisis and traffic jams, were actually issued to ease the flow of officials' convoys, and I've heard them question why barricades weren't lifted, bridges weren't opened, occupation tanks weren't pulled out of cities, and official convoys weren't reduced in size after reaching a state where dozens of cars escort government officials with no license plates, and no acknowledgment of the authority of the traffic police.

"Most likely, all decisions come to serve government officials at the expense of average citizens, where no heed is given to the mother that has to accompany her children on their way to school everyday, nor the university professor who has to reach his work place, or the teacher who has to reach his students, or the doctor . the engineer . the shopkeeper.

"We've seen how the Ministry of Oil has fallen into the trap of the odd-even system, and today the whole government has fallen into the same trap again and I'm afraid that our government might be considering allocating our 'wonderful' days according to gender . a day for men, and another for women, and our restaurants . a day for chicken, and another for rice, a day for ice cream, and another for fruit juice . Perhaps government organizations will also have their workdays divided into days for men and others for women. I've seen some singers refuse to be likened to others, and I believe our government follows the same trend and refuses to be likened to other governments in the world."

[1B.](#) "A Brave Jordanian Step"  
(Editorial by Ali Al-Shalah - Al-Jeeran - [www.aljeran.net](http://www.aljeran.net))

"It seems the historic step taken by King Abdullah of Jordan to send his Prime Minister Adnan Al-Badran to Baghdad has marked a turning point in Iraqi-Arab relations at a time when Iraqi calls for help left us wondering why the Arabs have forsaken their Iraqi brethren who have always been a cornerstone of Arab and Islamic civilization.

"Arab brothers justified this absence by citing the occupation, saying they didn't wish to support it. Iraqis themselves never asked for support for the occupation, but it is absolutely unacceptable for Arabs to behave as if every Iraqi were working for the occupation, besides, it's not like Arabs themselves prepared to liberate Iraq from the regime of mass graves and chemical weapons and were prevented from assisting by Iraqis; or that the U.S. based its invasion of Iraq on Iraqi opinion and support.

"The joy that prevailed after toppling Saddam's occupation

wasn't in support of the U.S. occupation, and Iraqis have their own agenda to rid the country of occupation after the defeat of terrorism. As Iraqis stand in the face of terrorism they are actually standing up for every house, man, woman, and child in the Arab homeland, and Arabs when witnessing the Iraqi army and police, should remember that their sacrifices will prevent a Zargawi or his likeness from reaching their homeland.

"Resisting occupation - my dear Arab brothers- is through taking actions that would speed its departure, not provide it with additional excuses to maintain its presence through turning Iraq into a blood bath. Life goes on in Iraq and every crime committed and every day that passes is a day that Iraq is closer to salvation. At the end of the day that salvation will be for all neighboring and friendly nations.

"The arrival of Arab delegations in Baghdad is a strong message that should continue at the highest levels to complement the already wonderful efforts presented by the Emirates, Kuwaitis, Bahrainis, and others. Baghdad needs to see Arab ambassadors acquitting Arab brothers from crimes committed against Iraqis and mending deep wounds, because we all believe that nothing can weaken historical and geographical bonds. God save Iraqis and Arabs from all harm and occupation, and a welcome to Ambassador Al-Badran in Baghdad."

**C. "Government for God's Sake? The Death Penalty and Not Life Sentences for Terrorists"**  
(Editorial by Sarmed Aqrabi, Al-Nahrain, The Two Rivers, [http://www.nahrain.com/d/news/05/09/11/nhr091\\_1f.html](http://www.nahrain.com/d/news/05/09/11/nhr091_1f.html))

"In the United States of America (which statistically is the country with the highest crime rate in the world due to the availability and legal mechanisms for gun ownership) there are more than three millions prisoners. The death penalty isn't carried out through hanging or shootings but through lethal injections or the electric chair because those two methods are more humane than others.

"The average annual cost of each prisoner (with three meals a day and medical care) is \$50,000. Gangs inside American prisons are many and the most dangerous gangs are the religious ones. Muslim detainees constitute the norm in American prisons and they are susceptible to influence from extremists who may try to recruit them when they're released from prison. The most important thing in Middle East prisons, in general, is the executions--if criminals repent they may become like Al-Zargawi, from a thief to a politician, to a defender of the faith (Mujahid).

"A Salafi sheikh appeared on a Saudi satellite channel and narrated the following story: 'Listen carefully O government and National Assembly. A Saudi extremist was jailed for his actions and I as a sheikh visited him in prison, I used to see him often as he drew tanks and bombs on the walls of his cell. After he served his sentence he left the prison and I met him in a mosque and I asked him, 'are you still following the philosophy of Jihad, war and killing?' He answered, 'No' and said, 'Sheikh that was from a reckless youth.' After two weeks I heard his name announced on T.V. he was involved in killing an officer or group of policemen in a Saudi city. There is nothing useful you can do with those except execute them, you hear, execute them. Listen elected Iraqi government, listen.'

"O life sentence government, your decision will fill Iraq's prisons with hundreds or perhaps thousands of Afghan Arabs. Thousands of new extremists will emerge and you are not up to it, Americans are not up to it either.

"So if you are Egyptian, Afghan, Syrian or Tunisian or others who are starving then I would announce Jihad against the U.S.A, travel to Iraq to support my ideological brothers only to be caught by the Iraqi justice and be put in prison for a period of time with a free residency, three meals, medical insurance, access to sports, T.V (to watch the infidel's satellite channels that support Jihad-all so that I would not forget Jihad when I leave prison), Qur'anic recitation lessons, and then perhaps an Iraqi Mujahida (female Mujahid) will fall in love with me and my children will become Iraqis according to the new constitution? This is a great blessing of Jihad! I come to Iraq to kill Iraqis, set fire and destroy Iraq's wealth, Iraqis honor me with free residency, food and medical insurance only to get married to an Iraqi to let my children enjoy Iraq's fortunes which I come to waste.

"Wake up government; wake up people for there isn't but death sentence for those bastards."

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